Swipe cards Printing program makes difference after two years



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Ohle accepts Gustavus presidency

JACKIE ALBRECHT NEWS EDITOR

President Ohle will end his Wartburg presidency June 30 to pursue a new presidential position at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn.

Fred Hagemann, chair of the board of regents and 1967 Wartburg alum, announced Ohle's resignation April 25.

Ohle said the Gustavus Board of Trustees contacted him only a few weeks prior to when he was actually offered the position.

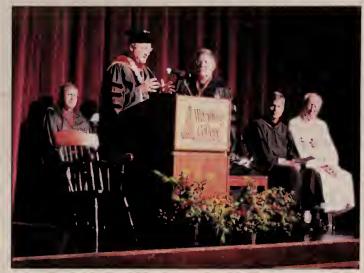
"It all happened very quickly. I had not been seeking a new position and had not considered any new positions," Ohle

Ohle said Gustavus had been searching for a president throughout the 2007-08 school year to replace retiring Gustavus President James Peterson; however, the search didn't yield a candidate that would meet the needs of the college.

The board of trustees then decided to contact a few individuals regarding the position.

"I was thinking that I'd spend the rest of my career at Wartburg College," Ohle said.

However, Ohle said after being



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President Ohle speaks at a convocation earlier this school year.

great deal of reflection.

"We talk a great deal at Wartburg about giving students an opportunity to discern and claim their own calling," Ohle

"That never stops related to age, and I feel that my review and thinking about this possibility has enabled me to discern that for right now, the opportunity to serve Gustavus is a calling."

At Gustavus, Ohle will help

contacted he went through a create a plan based on expanding the future advancement of Gustavus. Ohle believes this is a good time for transition because he feels confident Wartburg has been set up for a great future.

> "I'm excited for the future of the college. I think the alumni supporting the college, and Campaign Wartburg particularly, is just outstanding," Ohle

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Search for new Wartburg president to begin in fall

VICTORIA BRESHEARS STAFF WRITER

The board of regents announced April 25 the process for determining the new president of Wartburg College is in the works.

The board of regents plays a key role in the presidential choice, said Ferol Menzel, vice president of academic affairs.

"Mr. Fred Hagemann, chair of the board of regents, indicated during his announcement of President Ohle's departure that the board would decide on an interim president and the selection process at their board meeting in May," Menzel said.

Hagemann said during the announcement that the executive committee of the board of regents had a preliminary discussion regarding the search process as well as the administration of the college in the interim.

It's unclear whether students will be included in the search process.

"My firm position is that there is nothing wrong with student representation on the search committee. ... But the board of regents and the faculty should have the ultimate say on the candidate,"

Warren Zemke, professor emeritus and president of Wartburg's AAUP (American Association of University Professors) chapter,

"The board of regents is a select group of individuals appointed to overview the college for the college's best interest. The faculty is the source of the most experienced individuals in the academia world," Zemke said.

In this month's AAUP newsletter written by Zemke, the members of the faculty council are reminded that "all faculties are afforded the opportunity to interview each candidate during the finalist's visit to campus."

"I definitely agree that there should be some sort of student involvement. ... The board of regents should still have the ultimate say though because most students do not have knowledge of administration policies that are sometimes required to run a college," Kate Franklin, a student,

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"The W" memberships surpass original goal

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Membership at "The W" is ahead of expectations after four months of use with 2,200 members from the community, which is a good start, Jim Langel, executive director of "The W," said.

"Membership is pretty much where we thought it'd be at this point. Actually, if anything, [it's] a little higher than what we thought it would be," Langel said. "We still have a way to go to get to our goal, but we knew it was going to take a few years to really meet those membership goals."

Langel said they are re-evaluating membership research.

"We have more family memberships than we thought we would have. That helps because we don't need as many memberships because the family memberships pay more," Langel said.

Langel and the staff are going to review policies over the summer. The review will include a June 12 retreat that will take place off campus.

"We're going to take a hard look at every one of our policies. We'll see if there are any that need to be dropped, changed

completely or just tweaked a little bit. That way by the time the students get back we're running full force," Langel said.

Changes are occurring steadily in "The W." Langel and his staff have talked to maintenance about installing curtains in the student-member showers.

More cubbies were added to the pool area for extra storage of personal items. Another change includes being able to check out racquetball equipment from the welcome desk.

The staff will discuss changes like setting aside special nights to offer high-demand activities to exclusive groups, such as keeping the pool open an extra hour for students or making "climbing wall nights" for only students or community mem

"The W" needs to complete unfinished work at the main entrance like rust on beams, no finished roof on the entrance overhang and landscaping. Langel thinks the issues will be resolved within a month and a

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Trayless dining becomes permanent in Mensa

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Trayless dining has been implemented in the Mensa for not only the current May Term, but also next year due to the largely reduced amounts of water, power and food waste.

During Earth Week, trayless dining was done on a trial basis. The food waste was measured during lunch the Tuesday before the test-run. Then food waste was measured again a week later, at Tuesday lunch, during Earth Week. The results showed that food waste was reduced by 289 pounds

Trayless dining was only intended to be an experiment during Earth Week. Dining services did not intend to make it permanent. However, Margaret Empie, director of dining services, said trayless dining is being implemented so soon because the trial had so much impact.

"It was just something that we couldn't ignore," Empie said. "I did the calculations of how much less food waste we had that day, and I had to re-calculate, because I couldn't believe the numbers that I was getting. So, then I looked at how much water and power we

were saving. They were too big of figures to ignore."

Based on those figures Empie discovered that in one school year, 478,000 pounds less food would be wasted.

The Mensa is also saving a

great deal of food and prep time. Now they can provide more variety and make healthier, homemade foods, Empie

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Abby Hanson (left) and Jennifer Kuiken eat dinner in the Mensa without trays. Trayless dining was implemented to decrease waste.

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Card swipe printing causes decrease in paper usage, technology expenses

JACKIE ALBRECHT NEWS EDITOR

Paper usage and printing expenses have declined since Technology Information Services (ITS) implemented card swipe printing in fall 2006, Gary Wipperman, ITS Director,

According to data from the 2006-07 academic year, paper usage declined about 33 percent. In 2005-06, around 300,000 pieces of paper were used; however, in 2006-07 only 200,000 pieces of paper were

"We've definitely saved money both from a printing and paper usage standpoint," Wipperman said.

"And I also think it has happened without impacting students dramatically.

Wipperman said 92 percent of students could print without going over their allocated amount of printing money last

"It seems like the allocation is set up about right. I think the ability to not print something once you've sent it to be printed has cut down on a lot of paper," Wipperman said.

Although swipe-card printing will continue in the future, some minor changes could be implemented to fine-tune it Wipperman said.

One possible change would be lowering the amount of money given during May Term from \$10 to \$5. ITS believes \$10 for only one month is very generous compared to the \$20 given for fall and winter semesters.

Wipperman said with the new printing system, there have been less problems with the printers, and ITS now has printing records for all students.

ITS implemented swipe-card printingprimarilytoreducecosts and be more environmentally

"I'd walk over to the library, and they'd hand me a stack of papers and say this is what we pulled off the printers that people printed and never picked

up. ... So there was a lot of paper being wasted," Wipperman said.

Vogel Librarian Lehmann thinks people are more selective about what they actually print since they have a

They can also cancel print jobs if they don't need them. ... Students have options for conservation and economy," Lehmann said. "Our library recycling bins do not have nearly the amount of wasted paper that was in them several years ago."

These amounts for printing were set after ITS studied how much a student prints on average. If a student runs out of their printing money, they can continue to print but will be charged.

Although students have a set amount for printing money, the money is not related to any particular student fee. Rather, it is more like a declining balance system, Wipperman said.

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Senior Nick Wiltgen uses his printing balance to copy sources for a class. Students use their IDs to access printing money.

Students to conduct research promoting peace in Cambodia

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Five Wartburg students will travel to Cambodia this summer as part of an undergraduate research project. They will depart May 26 for Phnom Phen, Cambodia.

The trip originated with students Ryan Hahn and Jessica Foster, who learned of the Davis Projects for Peace Grant while studying abroad in Australia two

"The grant gives \$10,000 to a few schools for any peace project in the world. The grant is designed encourage undergraduate students to develop their own grassroots projects for promoting peace," Hahn said.

Hahn and Foster applied for the grant last year, but they were turned down. They went to Cambodia at their own expense to work with AustCare, a nonprofit organization engaging in humanitarian work.

"I think the reason we didn't get it last year was because they didn't think we could actually do it. Wartburg has no connection to Cambodia and they didn't want to send just two students out to Cambodia. So we spent the fall putting a program together for the first month and a half, and then presented the program for the last of the semester," Hahn said.

Hahn and Foster applied for the

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grant again this year and received

The students will be in Cambodia for 10 days. Each member of the group will research their own individual thesis and will present them at colleges, as well as Cedar Valley community organizations when they return.

The Wartburg community will also benefit from presentations and a silent auction of Cambodian crafts and goods.

"Some schools we may possibly present at include Princeton, Cornell and Columbia," Victoria Breshears, a member of the group,

Wartburg professor of religion and co-head of Wartburg's global multicultural study center, Fred Strickert, will be accompanying the students on the trip to Cambodia.

"I've always been interested in a couple of things. One, the consequences of war...to be able to see the long-range consequences. Two, I teach world religion classes and I'm interested in learning about Buddhism of that particular region," Strickert

Those going on the trip also include Katie Wright and Jessica

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15th president leaves behind legacy

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Ohle directed Commission Wartburg, a long-term planning project that brought together over 200 alumni and friends to produce a plan for Wartburg's future. Commission Wartburg led to Campaign Wartburg, a fundraising initiative that raised

\$ 9 0 . 3 million dollars, surpassing the original goal of \$88

million. Dean

the Faculty Ferol Menzel believes Wartburg Commission Wartburg Campaign are two of Ohle's greatest accomplishments.

"These activities have made possible the wonderful physical facilities and new positions, and have gathered friends and donors around the college who will stay committed to Wartburg long after President Ohle is gone," Menzel said.

believes Menzel had a very positive impact During his on Wartburg. positions were presidency, 21 added, enrollment increased from 1,400 to 1,800 and many new buildings were built.

"The college is thriving thanks to his vision, his leadership and his partnership with the board of regents," Menzel said.

Although Ohle is leaving, the push for expansion will continue, but Hagemann said building won't occur at the same

"We've done so much in the last 10 years that we have more behind us than what is in front of us. You've probably never built your last building, or raised your last dollar. ... There are always things that remain to be done.

Buildings will not be built at the same pace because simply we don't need them to be," Hagemann said.

Because Ohle's resignation happened soon after the completion of "The W," some students

"In many ways, Jack

Ohle was a visionary."

-Fred Hagemann

said it doesn't bode well. However, Ohle said hewouldn't h a v e accepted t h e

Gustavus presidency if "The W" was not finished.

"The W" is the most exciting opportunity for this institution to grow in the future. It will bring people to the community, it will bring students to the campus and it will bring resources for the future development of the

"Our financial position is as

strong as it's ever been. But every building has a debt, and that debt is being paid for through the revenue generated by the building," Ohle said.

Ohle said it will be hard leaving Wartburg.

"It's an interesting feeling that you have as you transition from one institution to another. But be sure that my feeling for Wartburg will never change,"

Hagemann said he couldn't be more pleased about Ohle's presidency.

"I really think one of his great accomplishments is his ability to grasp the moment. In many ways, Jack Ohle was a visionary," Hagemann said.

"He saw what had to be done and he accomplished a vast majority of what needed to be done."

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Storms cause damage on campus

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Flooding during Tour Week caused water damage on the first and third floors of Vogel Library, the Science Center and Waverly Manors. Flooding is nothing new according to Pam Madden, catalog librarian and college archivist.

The flat roof on the library has caused issues since 1999.

"They've fixed some of it, but whatever they are doing doesn't seem to fix the problem," Madden said.

Fixing the library's roof is something that was talked about last fall, but Madden thinks they have not done it because they have not had enough nice days in a row to permanently fix anything. Flooding has never caused any permanent damage in the library.

"We get a little scared when it starts to rain," Madden said.

Jeff Hemingson said he discovered the flooding in the library when he went there seeking help.

In the Science Center, the water was coming through the floor drains because of a clog in the city's line.

"It happens all the time... we've nicknamed this the aqua center," Hemingson said.

The latest mess took nearly six hours to clean. But Hemingson said it would have taken a lot longer had all the maintenance staff not teamed up. Maintenance worked hard to get Waverly Manors cleaned up before students returned from break as well.

Flooding in the laundry rooms of the four Waverly Manors also damaged the basements.

Currently, the facilities are all cleaned up, but it is not evident if there has been permanent damage due to the flooding.

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This orange water tower stands along Highway 3. Central Iowa Rural

Water Company funded the tower. Water tower supports

"Be Orange" campaign

JACKIE ALBRECHT NEWS EDITOR

Central Iowa Rural Water Company put up a new water tower outside Waverly last fall that not only displays the Wartburg logo, but is also painted entirely orange.

The water tower is located east of town on Highway 3 going towards Shell-Rock.

The idea to paint the water tower with Wartburg's logo is credited to Wartburg alum Jim LaPlant, who is currently the general manager of Central Iowa Rural Water Company.

The water company was looking to expand their business to this part of the state and decided to put a tower outside of Waverly.

Vice President for Administration Gary Grace believes LaPlant had a good experience at Wartburg, which led to the Wartburg-themed water tower.

"I think...he had fond memories from his time at Wartburg, and I think that's why he ended up connecting with us," Grace said.

Although LaPlant contacted Wartburg to see if it was OK to use the college's logo on the tower, Wartburg didn't give funding to paint the water tower. Central Iowa Rural Water funded the project.

Grace said this is a win-win situation for both Wartburg and the water company.

"[Central Iowa Rural Water Company] needed to paint the tower and draw attention to this new product of water they're able to bring to the area.

"And Wartburg was able

to add one more marketing piece that associates Waverly, Wartburg and orange," Grace said.

Although Wartburg hasn't given any money for the water tower, Grace said Wartburg would try to help promote Central Iowa Rural Water Company when possible. This could include advertising at Wartburg events to inform people about the company.

"The water tower is relatively new, and [the company is] relatively new to the area as well. I think a lot of people probably aren't very familiar with the company, and we hope to help with that," Grace said.

Grace believes the water tower and Wartburg's new friendship with Central Iowa Rural Water is a very beneficial affiliation.

"Given that we have a campaign that specifically involves our color...I think it helps associate the campaign with those things that are important to marketing the college," Grace said.

"It's hard to find a downside to this one. Especially since it was done without us having to contribute any financial resources."

According to Central Iowa Rural Water Company's Web site, the company's mission is to provide quality, reliable water and wastewater to improve their customers' quality of life and enhance rural economic development.

LaPlant was unavailable for comment.

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Mensa benefits outweigh complaints

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"We plan to try out some new soups during May Term," Empie said. She also said May Term is a good time to start trayless dining because it can be tweaked for fall.

Fewer dishes were also broken during Earth Week, and there were shorter lines at the end of meals when students put their trays on the racks to send to the dish room.

There are also negative tensions surrounding this new program. student senate complained there was no student input in this decision. They thought that there should have been a student vote.

Many argue that trayless dining takes more time and is a hassle. Students have been used to trays for so long that it is hard to make such a drastic switch.

"I think that trayless dining is a positive thing. It encourages us to be green, but it is a hassle," Liz Bandstra said. "The food area is so congested because people have to make so many trips to get food, drinks and silverware."

"I am not a fan of it. The idea behind it is good, and if they made modifications, it might be okay," Jessi Bullis said.

Empie said overall she has not directly received complaints from many people.

"Students should be the ones that are pushing for this kind of change, because they are the future. This program will encourage them to reduce their carbon footprint and become socially responsible," Empie said.

Anna Eggebraaten agreed with Empie.

"I think that [trayless dining] is amazing. The constant complaining of people is ridiculous. Each individual can control their weight and food consumption while improving the environment," Eggebraaten said.

"It's not that bad. I don't have a tray at my house, and I survive," Clarissa Mathews said.

Bigger cups and plates will be available next fall. Currently, dining services is testing different types of cups and plates to see what students prefer. The trays are gone for good and there is little probability that they will be back, Empie said.

The change will take time to adjust, she said, but she wants people to see that this is helping everyone out in

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May Term experiences shared through blogs

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Two-hundred and eighteen Wartburg students are traveling abroad to eight different locations around the world this May Term.

The 10 trips have students traveling to Tanzania, Japan, Guyana, Brazil, Mexico, England, Spain and Germany.

Additionally, the Wartburg Choir is traveling to Germany, Italy and South Africa.

"May Term abroad makes it possible for students to become

better citizens of the world, gaining a better understanding of various cultures," Fred Strickert, co-head of the Global Multicultural Study Center, said.

Five Wartburg students have volunteered to share their experiences by posting blogs. The blogs can be accessed from a link on the Wartburg College homepage, www.wartburg.edu.

Heather Glass is spending May Term in Brazil for her Church of Latin America course. "Here, in South Brazil, the only reason our group sticks out is because of our size," Glass said through her blog. "People are of all colors, which makes many of us easily become a part of the culture here."

The largest May Term trip, consisting of 88 students, is Wartburg Choir's Tour with the Arts. Wartburg Choir is one of three musical ensembles that travel internationally on a triannual basis.

The smallest trip, comprised of only five students, is a pilgrimage in Spain, through the course Anthropology of the Pilgrimage taught by Maria Survilla.

"We will be taking an indepth look at spiritual tourism, medievalandmodernpilgrimage practices, as well as other aspects and methods of transcendence," Amanda Nesvold, a student on the trip, said.

There are also eight domestic trips offered. The locations include Alaska, San Bernardino and New York City.

May Term 2009 will feature four new courses traveling to England, New Zealand, the Bahamas and China.

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Letter to the editor

On, April 26, the Wartburg softball team won the conference title. Instead of tears of joy the team had tears of disillusionment for their fellow senior teammates. The seniors' fellow teammates had e-mailed the coach to give up their starting positions to let all the seniors start in respect and admiration for them. They have all been starters at one point in their career at Wartburg. Evidently, at a Christian college it is more important to improve the coach's stats, win the conference and earn 250 wins than it is to respect the girls that have dedicated four years to the Wartburg softball program. To add to the total disrespect given to these seniors, they were introduced and given balloons and flowers by a fellow player. The coach did not recognize them in any way, no congratulations, no thank you, nothing.

On the Wartburg Web page it states, "Wartburg College is a selective liberal arts college of the Lutheran church (ELCA), nationally recognized for community engagement, and is dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning." The Wartburg softball program has not nurtured my daughter's faith in any way. If anything she has had to dig deep to hold onto her strong faith and dedication. This should have been a day to remember. Instead, she left the field in tears in utter disappointment that so little respect was given to her and her fellow seniors.

Proud parents of a senior Wartburg softball player, Mike and Marilyn Imming

Trayless: less for more

DAVID KORDAHL GUEST COLUMNIST

Despite the near-universal grumblings of students about trayless dining during Earth Week, the Mensa has now removed the trays permanently. I am surprised that there has not been any student backlash to this decision; after all, the conversations I heard during that week indicated that I was not the only student who wanted his tray back.

But after thinking about this issue for a while, I realized that this is only one instance of Dining Services' ongoing successful attempts to offer decreased services at an ever-increasing price.

I remember being a freshman at Wartburg. Back then, one could come to eat at any allotted breakfast time and get a hot breakfast. The next year, I was piqued to realize that when I came to breakfast at 7:30 a.m., I could no longer have such amenities, as they only would begin at 8:30 a.m., forty-five minutes after the morning classes began.

Iwonderedhow DiningServices could get away with this, as the early breakfast constituency was getting, as postulated, a decreased service at the ever-increasing price (a person visiting would pay less for an early breakfast, but to students, whose cafeteria visits are generally counted in meals and not in dollars,

the loss i evident).

Then it was announced that students would have to pay for room and board over May

Term, an unprecedented burden. As if this were not enough, it turned out that the food options on campus would be unilaterally less available; the Mensa would only be open until 9 a.m. for breakfast, 1 p.m. for lunch, and 6:30 p.m. for supper. This should have caused an uproar, but acceptance was effectively mandated by college policy by requiring students to take a May Term class if they had attended the Fall and Winter semesters. Again: decreased service, increased price.

What is the rationale behind each of these changes? Though different explanations are offered, the root cause should be obvious: each of these changes is a cost-cutting strategy for Dining Services. But what have been the increased benefits for students? Have there been refunds? Have there been apologies?

On the contrary. With the advent of trayless dining - an option, it should be pointed out, that has always been available for willing students - Dining Services has issued self-congratulating notices that argue its role in ecological conservation. And, instead of realizing this for what it is - decreased service at an increasing price! - the student senate docilely voted it in.

The point of all this is not that Wartburg's food sucks. Though there is habitual complaining, I think that most of us, were we asked to judge this issue objectively, would have to admit that the food is quite good. But in my four years here there has been a steady removal of services, and if services continue to be arbitrarily revoked, I think students have a right to complain. For a start, I would like my tray back. Once they are returned, then we can discuss hot breakfast.

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Editorial: Making the most of your summer

As the sounds of alarm clocks fade into the loud roar of lawnmowers, many students find themselves wondering what to do with their summer freedom.

For graduates, the answer is easy: Secure work as quickly as possible. But despite a slumping economy, the outlook is good. According to a recent survey by CareerBuilder.com, 58 percent of employers plan to hire recent college graduates in 2008, and 39 percent plan to increase their company's starting salaries.

For other students, the right course of action is not so clear. Do they return to the burger-flipping at a previous job or find an internship offering valuable experience but meager pay? Maybe students would like to do some volunteer work and fill their leftover hours watching "Flava of Love" reruns?

For students feeling that pressure, opportunities abound. Wartburgers can visit the Career Center or The Center for Community engagement or check out Internjobs.com, a site that lets you search for internships by industry or location.

But students should be careful that their drive to achieve doesn't overshadow the true purpose of summer. They should do something meaningful, yes, but also take time to enjoy the sunshine so rare in the Midwest and rest up for the year ahead. Pretty soon we will spend our Junes and Julys in cubicles.

Hiking, camping, bowling, fishing, reading (not textbooks), swimming and learning to cook are a few suggestions Trumpet staffers have for what to do when the burgers are flipped.

Inflation, loss, only some of the concerns of life

LUKE SHANNO EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In this ever-changing world that we live in, sometimes it is fun to sit back and just think

about all the stuff that we seemingly ignore for around 22 hours of the day. I'm having trouble organizing my thoughts though.

What worries me more now? The state of the economy, which if I paid a little more atten-

tion in micro and macroeconomics, I might be able to pinpoint the problem there. What about the national debt? I didn't know they could count debt money in trillions.

How about gas prices? With prices looking like they're going to hit \$4 per gallon, I wonder how I'll be able to continue driving my Hummer (and by that, I mean Chevy Impala).

At least I don't live in Amsterdam where they were paying the equivalent of \$6.48 per gallon in 2005, in 2005! The average price for a gallon of gas in the United States in 2005 was \$2.27. Shows

us a thing or two about perspective.

What about global warming? Are the ice-caps melting yet? What about my carbon footprint? I have a fairly average-sized foot so I was hoping that my carbon footprint wasn't going to

be too big. I'm still not sure.

I guess we have an election coming up later this year...had not heard anything about that in at least two hours. Clinton this, McCain that, Obama's minister said what? Who am I going to vote for? How do I even know if anyone will hold up to what they preach on the campaign trail?

I guess we are still in a war too. Not much to say there except we'll probably always be in a war.

We're probably still at orange on the Homeland Security Advisory System, which is fairly convenient for us Wartburgers. We don't even have to change our wardrobes to match the threat level. Why did they even put green and blue on the scale? Are we really ever going to be at a low likelihood of terrorism again? I doubt it.

Brett Favre retired (pause for a moment of silence). Sorry for you people out there who don't feel the same way about Favre and the Packers that I do, but in my mind, I'm worried about how the Packers will fill his cleats. That fills my sports quota for the week.

On a more local scale, I've got things to worry about here on campus too.

Trayless dining in the Mensa. I won't be too quick to bash Dining Services, they are just trying to decrease their carbon footprint (see paragraph five). Plus, they are going to try and make it more convenient. Although it isn't great, I'll wait to finally pass judgment when the changes are implemented.

President Ohle is leaving campus to head to Gustavus Adolphus to be their new president. My only question to President Ohle would be 'Aren't you moving the wrong direction?' I would advise him to move somewhere a little farther south, where it doesn't get as cold and maybe doesn't snow. At least he'll have the tapestry to remember us by and keep him warm during the cold winter months in Minnesota. Whose hand will I get to shake when I hopefully walk across the stage next May?

We have a new wellness center, "The W." It sure does look good. It also comes with a hefty price tag, and puts the college in another budget bind. I think looking back on it in a few years, it will have been the right move. It is early though, and hard to tell exactly how things will turn out in the immediate future. We like our instant gratification though, and if it isn't working right now, then gosh darnit, it won't work at all.

Tuition is going up. Thank

goodness they have already announced the price tag for my last year. In a world where price of everything is going up, I guess it is only fitting that the price of an education rises too.

On a similar note, Iowa Student Loan is having trouble and is scrambling for ways to help Iowa students find money to help pay for their ever-increasing tuitions. I'm from Iowa, my tuition is going up. Stellar news.

It is two weeks until the end of the school year and I finally know what I'm going to do this summer. Next year at this time I'll be making a decision about what I want to do for the rest of my life, not just the next three months...that's intimidating.

There are many other things to worry about in life too. Family, friends, class, all sit on the list somewhere. Luckily my toughest decision today will probably be 'paper or plastic?'

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Food Olympics provide May Term entertainment

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Groups of students wearing shorts and tank tops flooded the campus mall Tuesday to enjoy a picnic on the freshly mowed grass. With a calm breeze and a brilliant sun, the day boasted temperatures of more than 70 degrees. Students' spirits seemed high on this May Term day as they gathered for the annual Food Olympics.

Greasy watermelons, sugary doughnuts, delicate eggs, aggravating oranges and slimy ketchup generated smiles and laughter from everyone watching and participating.

Wartburg's Student Center Council, which sponsors the Food Olympics, had contests planned for everyone's enjoyment.

The Food Olympics began with the orange pass. Teams of four struggled to be up and down their line of teammates.

KWAR's Austin Draude added commentary during the event while students crowded around to cheer on their friends and classmates.

Nowai Tolbert competed in the orange pass. This was her first year participating in the Food Olympics.

"It was outdoors and I figured it would be fun," Tolbert said.

After the orange pass, the teams competing in the egg-spoon relay took their starting positions. One team, named "Questionable," eagerly waited for the relay to begin. Two members stood at each end, holding shiny silver spoons.

As the race began, the first people walked warily toward their teammates, being cautious of the fragile egg balanced on their



Emily Schmitt/TRUMPET

the quickest to pass an orange chin to chin Kelsey Kovacevich slides down the condiment slide during the Food Olympics Tuesday.

Spectators cheered as the competitors gracefully passed their eggs.

Then the crowd surrounded a grassy area to observe the greased watermelon race. Teammates helped each other fashion protective shirts from large, black garbage

When the race began, Kathy Brereton tried to run while holding a clumsy, greased watermelon in front of her. Her arms and head stuck out of the garbage bag, which rustled with every movement. After completing her leg of the race, she gratefully passed the watermelon to her teammate. Onlookers held up digital cameras and camera phones, trying to capture the humorous actions of their friends.

After the race, students gathered around a long table to watch five students eat doughnuts. Jordan LeClere poured water

over his first doughnut and then shoved it in his mouth. After finishing his first soggy doughnut, he ate three more.

"They were delicious doughnuts! I'm very full, I don't think I need to eat anything else tonight," LeClere said after finishing his fourth doughnut.

Next, the crowd's attention was drawn to a long, blue tarp lathered with condiments. Student center council members poured ketchup, mustard and mayonnaise down the length of the tarp and added water to create a slippery slide. The competitors were judged on distance and creativity.

While waiting for the test run, some of the competitors were wary of the situation they had put themselves in. Others, like Kelsey Kovacevich, were thrilled to slide through the mess.

"I love playing with food," Kovacevich

said as she eyed the messy tarp, waiting for the contest to begin.

After the slide was prepared, each contestant was allowed one test run. After their test run, each walked back to the cluster of competitors with ketchup-soaked t-shirts. While waiting for everyone to finish, the messy students talked about how disgusting they felt and their strategy for the next round.

"I smell like garbage," Kovacevich announced as she rejoined the group, shaking the goop off her arms.

When everyone had his or her turn, it was revealed an additional ingredient would be added to the slide. Vegetable oil was poured on top of the condiments and more water was added.

Turns were taken, scores were given and people were eliminated. Style was vital as the competition became fierce. Surfing and other acrobatics were demonstrated in an attempt to impress the judges.

The judges manipulated their votes to create three ties between the final two competitors before finally re-voting to end

Lauren Thomas won the drawing for a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card, which included all students who bravely competed in at least three events.

The campus mall cleared and students posted pictures of the Food Olympics on Facebook to share the amusement with friends. Competitors will be forever tagged in these photos, proof of the hilarious things they did on that May Term day.

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*** Tather writes book, gives dating advice

LAURA GREVAS STAFF WRITER

I'm no good with men. So when the Trumpet snagged a copy of "Empowering College Women: Strategies for Campus Relationships," I'll admit I was intrigued.

Author Rick Becker is the most unlikely of experts. The father of two spent 23 years observing the interactions of college students ("the overly passionate, the mysteriously sober, and the obnoxiously intoxicated") in his central-Michigan nightclub. After all that time observing, he thought he had figured out a few things about interactions of the co-ed variety. I'm inclined to agree.

The book is split up into 100 mini chapters that focus on opportunities and techniques to pick up the 'good' kinds of men-meaning the focus is quality over quantity. Becker

advocates getting involved only with those men who have their own dreams for life and can willingly encourage

Among his suggestions is a pre-date 'date' that will allow you to delve deeper into his personality and ambitions before you become too attached. "Your love-spawned endorphins don't serve you well when they absorb the pain and anesthetize you to what you should be feeling from the behavior of an idiot, while your friends go blue in the face screaming wildly, 'You are crazy to be with this person!"

Among other tips I found: It's okay to be single ("Chances are Mr. Right won't know you need rescuing from Mr. Wrong... because you're still with Mr. Wrong!"). And it's best to cut out the sarcasm and negative drama

and let the real you shine through. Because the real you, the you who helps stressed out mothers on the plane or hands out genuine compliments, is the you that will attract

The metaphors and dialogue in this book are a bit hokey for me, and it could probably be about 40 pages shorter, but the messages offered are solid. Becker offers his ideas from a perspective that's not unaware of what it means to be a woman in college today. I give it four out of five stars. A recommended read for the women who always fall for

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Brittany Feagans/TRUMPET

Rob Ellington performs with Anthem in the Lyceum Tuesday in a show sponsored by ETK.

New album by The Raconteurs

CHRIS LAMBERTZ STAFF WRITER

As musicians become more popular and famous, they sometimes join forces with other famous musicians. The end result is a "supergroup." When Jack White of the White Stripes, and Brendan Benson, power-pop singer/songwriter, got together to write 2006's hit single "Steady, As She Goes" the musical power was impossible to deny.

Throughout the year they finished recording a debut record, with Greenhornes' members Patrick Keeler and Jack Lawrence filling out the group's lineup. The Raconteurs broke onto the scene with Broken Boy Soldiers, which held a spot on Billboard's Top Ten for quite a while.

While some supergroups only get together for a short time and then fade, The Raconteurs latest simple side project, but rather a nearly unstoppable force in the musical world.

off the group's fantastic ability to conjure up near perfection in each song. Benson and White have constructed a complex web of old-timey rhythms and vocal melodies blended perfectly with



release proves they are not just a the prog-rock and blues sounds shown on the group's debut.

The album starts off with its title track, catching listeners' "ConsolersoftheLonely"shows ears with a powerful riff, then exploding into a crunching chorus filled with White's powerful voice. Benson and White trade off lead vocal duties, show great use of various brass horns and big piano and manage the song's ever-changing music

Other tracks of note are the cover of Tony Reid's "Rich Kid Blues" and the twisted tale shown in "Carolina Drama." Pick this record up immediately; it's rare that something this great comes out. That being said, I give it five out of five stars.

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Centennial Oaks to host Nationals

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The Centennial Oaks Golf Course in Waverly will be invaded by collegiate golfers this week. The course will host the NCAA Div. III Women's Golf Championships. The Knights will be competing in the tournament. The course proves to be a tough one for all teams. Each hole is unique and will have various tough parts, some of the toughest holes will be a pair of par fives, holes three and 11; a pair of par fours, holes four and 15; and even a par three.

#3 Par 5 457 yards Handicap: 2

The third hole at Centennial Oaks starts arguably the toughest three-hole stretch you will find on the course. A par 5 measuring 457 yards does not seem



bad until you stand up over your tee shot. Ample fairway is visible, but long rough and no-mow

lie in waiting if the drive is errant. A creek runs parallel to the fairway along the right side and leads to a pond that is just short and right of the double green and one that lies just off the back right of the green. A pot bunker is nestled up next to the front left part of the green, making long approach shots difficult. Par 5's are birdie opportunities but players can feel good about walking away with a par on the third.

#4 Par 4 350 yards Handicap: 4

The fourth hole at Centennial looks manageable



enough. There is relatively little trouble unless you hit a ball too far left and find yourself in the fescue. The toughest part about the fourth is that you have to drive uphill to the fairway and then all approach shots are up the hill again to the green. A greenside bunker on the left side of the green penalizes inaccurate approaches. Mix the elevation change in with the fact that about 75 percent of the time the hole plays

into a strong Northeast Iowa wind and par on this hole feels like a birdie.

#5 Par 3 134 yards Handicap: 16

The fifth hole seems like it should be a break after the third and fourth holes, but players quickly see it can be



anything but that. Although a short par 3 at only 134 yards, this tiny terror packs a mean punch. A large bunker guards the front left side of the green swallowing tee shots that are just left of the target. And just like the fourth hole, the wind usually plays a huge factor as it is either blowing directly at the golfer or is a cross-wind. Again,

a miss to the left is penalized, but this time by a large hill that funnels errant tee shots down towards thick rough and no-mow. Even for those who find the green all is not safe as there is a considerable back-to-front slope to contend with while putting. An accurate iron

#11 Par 5 456 yards Handicap: 7

The 11th hole starts a tough stretch on the back nine, but can be a place where golfers can make up a stroke if they play the hole smart. The 11th is guarded by out



of bounds on houses and out of bounds on the right side. A

strong drive down the middle puts golfers in prime position on this par 5. One bunker on the left may come into play on the drive, while another bunker sits on the left side guarding the area where most golfers will attempt to lay up. A third bunker guards the front left side of the green while a pond surrounds a majority of the right side and the back of the green. An approach shot that is just a little too far right or just long will be wet.

#15 Par 4 341 yards Handicap: 1

The 15th, the last of our key 'make it or break it' holes is also the toughest hole on the course. At 341 yards, it isn't the longest par 4 on the course, but it proves to be the most challenging nonetheless. A blind tee shot to an angled fairway proves to be the first test



to master on this hole. After teeing off over the hill, a bunker exposed along the right

side of the fairway, ready to eat any balls that are hugging the right side of the fairway. A slightly uphill second shot leads to a tiered green that is guarded by a large bunker on the front right. Pin placement and shot accuracy are key on the fifteenth as the green is tiered and difficult to read. Expect to see some tough pin positions on the fifteenth hole late in the national tournament. If players can escape this hole with a par, they set themselves up for a strong finish on the final

The Knights will grab their clubs and compete in the tournament, which starts Tuesday morning, with the Knights teeing off at 8:30 a.m. Wartburg is coming off of a fifth-place finish after competing in their home invitational on April 6.

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Baseball earns bid to regional tourney

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of them. It's always a positive thing for us offensively," Holst said.

Saeugling pitched innings, allowing only one earned

He also managed to strike out three batters and the win improved his record to 5-0 on the

Danny Rose threw two innings, only allowing one hit and no

Eleven hits were not enough for the Knights as they dropped a 4-2 decision to Loras on Saturday.

'We played poorly and we did not do a whole lot offensively. We had so many opportunities to win the game," Holst said.

However, Rose excelled at the plate by going 4-for-5 with a double.

Saeugling and Jones each recorded two hits. Along with Rose, Saeugling also had a double. Nagle, Jerrold Martijn, and Scott Mangin had one hit each.

Luke Albert threw seven innings for the Knights.

He recorded four strikeouts, walked two batters, and only gave up two runs.

Tom Keesy and Mike McGivern

also pitched for the Knights. Holst said. McGivern struck out two batters, but allowed two earned runs in one and two-thirds innings pitched.

"Luke Holst commented, pitched well enough to win the

The Knights defeated Loras in the championship game 10-2. Six Knights recorded two hits each. Saeugling recorded a double and drove in four runs.

Johnson and Lewis each had doubles. Rose, Nagle, Martijn, and Mangin each scored two runs.

Loras had five errors and three of them came towards the end of the game as Wartburg compiled a combined eight runs in the seventh and eighth innings.

"It was a tight ball game until those errors occurred," Holst

The pitching was strong for the Knights as Martijn threw nine complete innings.

Martijn shut down the Loras batters by striking out eight. He had no walks and managed to allow only two earned runs. The win improved Martijn's record to 4-3 on the year.

"The pitching was tremendous throughout the tournament,"

The Knights put together 10 hits against Loras on Thursday, nine against Central on Friday, 11 in the first game on Saturday against Loras, and 13 in the championship game against Loras.

"When you get up into doubledigit hits, it's not a bad day offensively, but we can improve," Holst said.

The Knights move on to play in regional action this week. It is yet to be determined who and where they will be competing.

Wartburg finished regular season conference play at 17-3.

The Knights swept Coe with a victory on May 3, 5-1 and on May 4, the senior day doubleheader, 7-6 and 14-10.

The Saturday win gave Joel Holst his 500th career victory, which allowed him to become the 28th member on the NCAA Div. III 500-win club.

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Men win despite injuries



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Alicia Ford clears the bar during the lowa Conference Championships.

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David Jeannot finished first and second respectively in the triple jump, while Kevin Balster won the 10,000-meter run setting a new IIAC

Kyle Peters also provisionally qualified in the 400-meter hurdles. Other first place performances for the Knights came from Steven Salinlas in the javelin, and Brian Chenoweth in the 5,000-meter run.

The men won the team portion of the meet with 186 points, while Central brought home second with 136.5 points. The men from Loras brought home third with 114 points.

Even though the results didn't show it, the men have been plagued with injuries this year.

"In all of my years of being a head coach, I've never had this many injuries in regards to the men's side," Newsom said. "For me this will probably come out as one of the most special championships, because we went in banged up and beat up and still came out victorious."

The teams will split up and head to Rock Island, Ill. and Naperville, Ill this week. They will compete in the Augie National Qualifier and the North Central National Qualifier.

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Golf finishes conference tourney in fourth place

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The Wartburg men's golf team finished fourth at the Iowa Conference tournament on May 3. The meet was hosted by Luther College at Finkbine Golf Course in Iowa City and Oneota Golf Course in Decorah.

The Knights team total of 1112 placed them just one stroke behind third-place Coe.

"The Conference Tournament was a good one for us," head coach Ted Reuter said. "Although we started slowly at Finkbine, we came back well at Oneota and almost moved from fifth to third on the final day. The last Coe golfer made a 20-foot put on the 18th hole to edge us out of third by a stroke."

Earning all-conference honors for the Knights was Chris Bushbaum. A 63-hole total of 268 placed him third overall and carried Wartburg to its fourthplace finish.

"Chris Bushbaum is one of our most intense competitors and was really psyched up for the

conference tournament," Reuter

"His even par 72 on the last day of the tournament was the low round of the day and moved him from eighth place to third."

Wartburg's Cory Tilson shot a 278 and tied for 16th place. Teammate Justin Peterson finished with 286 and tied for

"We started slowly and it took us a while to find our rhythm," Reuter said.

"The last three meets of the season were significant because I felt we finally began to play up to our potential and were much more competitive."

Wartburg will have four returning starters next year in Bushbaum, Tilson, Ian Flores and Brad Loughren.

"I'm excited about next year. With four solid players returning from our starting lineup and several good players waiting in the wings, we should be competitive next season," Reuter said.

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Ashley Orris beats a throw against Alma College (Mich.) in the first round of the NCAA Regional Tournament.

Softball rolls through IIAC

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came back from a 3-0 deficit to win 4-3.

"It's a long game so you just keep plugging away at things and hope that good things happen if you focus on the process," Kehe said.

The Knights got some offense after Ashley Rogers hit a home run to kick off a two-run fifth inning.

"It was something that got things going," Kehe

The Knights picked up two more runs in the seventh, with only one out left in the game.

Ashley Steines and Hashman scored the tying and winning runs for the Knights respectively.

The Knights first game of the tournament was a 5-0 shutout against Luther.

Hartwig threw a complete game only allowing four hits. She also struck out seven.

Rogers had two home runs in the game. The first shot came right away in the first inning which was a two run shot, while the second blast was a solo shot in the third inning.

After her four home runs in three games, Rogers was named IIAC Female Athlete of the Week. She was also named first team all-conference.

Hartwig, Steines and Amy Daniels joined Rogers on the list. Hartwig was also named pitcher of the year for the Iowa Conference.

Courtney Bain was named second team allconference.

Kehe was named Iowa Conference Coach of the

Kehe was honored to have the tournament on campus and was glad everyone came out.

"It was great to have a lot of support out here on campus," Kehe said. "It was great to be able to host and play well through the three games in the tournament."

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Soccer scores new coach

MAC SLAVIN SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg Soccer teams have a new face for their program. T.J. Buchholz will be joining the Knights as their new head coach next fall for both the men's and women's teams.

Buchholz will bring his experience from Northwestern College of Iowa to the Knights. He led the Red Raiders to a 68-59-4 record, which sparked a national tournament berth last

The Knights were previously led by Jim Conlon.

"He built the program at Northwestern up and helped them finish great seasons. He will continue Conlon's great job and continue to raise the bar higher," Mark Adkins, Director of Sports Information, said.

accepted who Conlon, coaching position with the women's soccer team at Washington University in St. Louis, left the Knights with a 108-48-8 record.

"I think the teams really wanted somebody who would continue what was already started here," Abby Showalter said.

Both women's and men's soccer teams are coming off national tournament appearances this year.

The men were ousted in the first round of the NCAA tournament while the women lost in the Sweet

Buchholz is also coming off a national tournament berth, along with a regional championship. The Red Raiders brought home the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' Men's

Region III championship last

Buchholz started the women's program at Northwestern where he led the women to a 7-4-1 record in their first year on the field. On the men's side of things, he has coached for seven seasons,



T.J. Buchholz

leading the team four region berths.

"T.J. is a phenomenal coach and will continue what

Conlon started," Adkins said.

Showalter thought that some of players would be weary of the new coach.

"I think it's a little discouraging to the returning players that we had this awesome season and now the coach is leaving," Showalter

However, Buchholz is up to the challenge.

"I know the pieces have been put into place. It's time, now, to continue the process of taking things forward," he said.

Buchholz will start the season off with the Knights as they begin their season this fall.

Adkins says Buchholz will be on campus though. He will be conducting some off-season practices in preparation for next year as the school year ends.

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One last chance for gold

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to our country.

Softball has only been in the last three Summer Olympics.

The break-out year for the sport was in 1996. That is when the USA began its reign.

The American women brought home their first gold medal. In 1996 They went 8-1 at the games and defeated China in the championship game 3-1.

In softball's sophomore games, Team USA brought back top honors once again in 2000.

The women had a harder time getting the gold. They lost 2-1 in an 11-inning effort against Japan in round-robin play.

The U.S. proceeded to lose the next two games, one to China, 2-0 and 2-1 to Australia. The team went on a five game win streak to top Japan 2-1 in eight innings for the gold.

In 2004, USA had its best performance in the Olympic Games and is arguably the most dominant performance by a single Olympic team.

The U.S. Women's National Team was anointed as the "Real Dream Team" by Sports Illustrated.

They had their first perfect record at the games. The U.S.

The only run that was allowed was in the sixth inning of the championship game

This is where the USA team goes in for the 2008 games. This is the last hoorah for these American athletes to show what they can do on the softball field.

This summer will not only be their last time to shine at the Olympics, but it will also be their last chance at a gold medal, something many young athletes dream of growning up.

One of the main reasons given for removing the event was that it was too American dominated.

The overview I just gave is evident of that, but what was not taken into account was that the sport is new to other countries. Taking it out now will deprive other countries' young women a chance to learn the game well enough to be competitive.

When looking at other sports, the Winter Olympics did not take out hockey because the Soviet Union won the gold so many

Softball needs a chance to grow as an international sport. I think the Olympic committee pulled the sport far too soon.

Many countries are starting up

outscored their opponents 51-1. teams and learning the sport for the first time.

> The participation was growing. What people do not realize is that 126 countries had a softball team in the 2004 Olympics.

> The problem is that only a certain number of teams can qualify for the round-robin play during the actual games.

> It's similar to how many college basketball teams there are and only 64 getting into the "Big

I believe and hope that softball will be re-instated as an Olympic sport in the future, but until it does, it denies young American women a chance to represent their country as an Olympian.

So, during the Summer Olympics this year, take in as much softball as you can.

No one will know when the next chance to see the U.S. women show their skill to the rest of the world on the softball field.

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May intramurals begin

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There are no daily practices, no stats kept, and there is usually a pretty minimal fan base that shows up to the games, yet intramural sports are one of the biggest and most active student organizations on campus.

This season offers softball and sand volleyball. In both softball and sand volleyball, there are competitive and recreational divisions.

"We have had a good turnout this year and so far I have put a lot of the decisions into the students' hands," Justin Jackson, director of intramurals, said. Jackson said that a lot of the first year is more of a trial basis and once things are set in stone, the intramurals program at Wartburg can expand.

This spring has brought late snowstorms and not your typical spring weather, which has set back the start of the spring season for intramurals.

Chris Goetzinger is excited about the future of intramurals but wasn't all that impressed with this year.

"I know that we had a good turn-out as far as teams, and I understand that there needs to be different divisions as far as competitive and recreational, but I feel like we started the spring season way too late trying to cram it all in during May term is a little rough."

Goetzinger wasn't alone, Chris Wood shared similar opinions.

"It seemed like last year we played a good eight or nine games in the regular season and then moved on to the tourney, this year we have only played five and there are just as many teams involved," he said.

This year Jackson chose to not schedule any intramural events during the week of finals, meaning the season was crammed into three weeks instead of using the last week of May Term for tournaments.

Wood, who is a captain for both his softball and volleyball team, felt that both seasons were a little rushed and somewhat unorganized.

"The lack of refs in both leagues was and is kind of a nuisance, I mean it's easy for someone to jump in and ref but when it's your teammate, the other team always gets a little suspicious."

Both the sand volleyball and softball seasons have wrapped up uwith the tournaments starting next week.

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Diamond Dominance Continues

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg Knights baseball team started off with a bang in the IIAC Tournament at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Cedar Rapids by defeating fifth-seeded Loras 5-2 on Thursday.

Wartburg then faced the Dutch from Central on Friday as the Knights went on to win 7-1.

On Saturday the Knights went head-to-head with Loras twice. The Knights lost the first game, 4-2, but rallied to win the championship game, 10-2.

"We have been prepared for this weekend's tournament dating back to the first practice. The conference season also prepared our guys. We take the same approach towards every game. Our goal was to be regular season champs," head coach Joel Holst

Everything seemed to be clicking for the Knights in their victory against the Duhawks from Loras. Aaron Saeugling led the way by going 3-for-4, with one RBI, one run scored and stolen base. Kyle Jones also contributed three RBIs for the Knights.

The pitching for the Knights was superb as Billy Schmitt threw 8.2 innings with no earned runs, six strikeouts and only two walks. Schmitt improved his record to 6-1 on the year. Nate Rost came



Luke Shanno/TRUMPET

Danny Rose throws out a Loras baserunner as Zach Nagle looks on.

in for the final out of the game and picked up his third save of the season.

"Schmitt had a dominant performance and did tremendous job," said Holst.

Next, the Knights defeated the sixth-seeded Central Dutch 7-1 on Friday. Mike Johnson and Kyle Jones each went 2-for-4, with

one double each. Johnson scored three runs, while Jones had two RBIs and scored a run. Aaron Saeugling also put two runs on the board for the Knights, as well as Zach Nagle who scored one run. Central committed five errors and Wartburg took advantage of

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Knights come up short after successful season

ANDREW NOSTVICK STAFF WRITER

The Wartburg Knights softball team's dream of a College World Series berth was cut short Sunday afternoon by UW-Whitewater. The 7-3 loss was the second of the tournament which sent the Knights home.

On Saturday, the Knights defeated Coe College, 11-4 in eight innings. The Knights scored seven runs in the eighth inning alone to put away Coe. Courtney Bain had a big day for the Knights, going 3-for-4 with four RBIs and two runs scored.

Angela Hartwig picked up the win in relief. Hartwig only gave up one hit in four innings of work. She also struck out three batters.

Earlier that day, the Knights defeated Maryville University (Mo.), 9-3. Robin Peterson gave up three runs and five hits in the complete game win. Peterson also went 2-for-4 with three RBIs.

The wins on Saturday made up for Friday, when the Knights lost to UW-Whitewater, 8-6.

The game was the Knights first loss in the double-elimination tournament.

The Knights gave up seven runs in the loss. Angela Hartwig was credited with the loss, giving up six earned runs on 11 hits.

Hartwig also struck out 11.

Ashley Orris and Ashley Rogers both had a big game at the plate. Orris went 2-for-3 with two runs scored. Rogers went 3-for-4 with two RBIs and three runs scored.

The Knights kicked off the tournament on Thursday when they defeated Alma College (Mich.) 4-0.

Jenni Hashman had a productive day at the plate for the Knights, hitting two home runs with four RBIs. Abi Robison was credited with the win, pitching four innings and giving up two hits. Hartwig went the rest of the way for the Knights, picking up the save while striking out seven in three innings of work.

The Knights won their thirdstraight Iowa Conference tournament title on their home turf at Lynes Field on May 3.

The Knights defeated Coe College in the final game of the tournament, 6-1. Hartwig struck out nine and only gave up one hit in six innings of work.

"It was great to see Angela throw well in the final and it really helped that we got some hits right away," head coach Kara Kehe said.

The final wasn't as close as the previous game in the tournament against Coe, when the Knights

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Men and Women sweep IIAC meet

Twelve women and four men provisionally qualify for national meet at home

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The Wartburg track and field teams brought home two Iowa Conference Championships as they hosted the meet Friday and Saturday. The women brought home their ninth-consecutive conference title and 11th overall. The men brought home their sixth title since 1990.

"We scored points all the way across the board, when you look at all of the events, we really did well as a family," head coach Marcus Newsom said.

The women were led by 12 performances that provisionally qualified for nationals. Hannah Baker and Chelsey Jacobs both provisionally qualified in the 400-meter dash finishing first

Baker brought home second place in the 200-meter dash, behind KeAnna Martin as both ran qualifying times. Baker's 4x100meter relay team won their race, breaking the IIAC record and provisionally qualifying. The team was made up of Jenny Kordick, Akeya Aimable, Martin and Baker. Martin also provisionally qualified in the 100.

Anna Kraayenbrink also provisionally qualified in two events. She finished in second place in the 10,000-meter run breaking the IIAC record. She also qualified in the 5,000-

Kelsey Steffens qualified a pair of events after finishing second in the triple jump and the 400-meter hurdles. Brittany Thomas finished

just behind Steffens in the 400 hurdles, which qualified her as well. Jessica Bates also qualified in the hammer

Jennifer Kuiken and Alicia Ford added firstplace finishes for the Knights in the 1,500meter run and the high jump respectively.

"We were really able to do some special things," Newsom said. "We really had some performances across the board."

The women won the meet with a meet record 279.25 points. Central edged out Luther for second place with 125 points, while the Norse finished in third with

The men were led by four provisionally qualifying performances. Damoan Lott and



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Hannah Baker and Chelsey Jacobs run to a first and second finish.



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With summer approaching fast, it reminds me that the Beijing Olympic Games will be here before we know it.

This may be old news, but the 2008 games will be the last time softball will be considered an



Olympic sport. Now, could write page after page about what a travesty it is to remove the

sport from the games.

Before I do, I think it would be better to highlight past accomplishments and pride that the USA softball team brought

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S TRACK Augie National Qualifier Rock Island, Ill. Thursday- Friday



BASEBALL NCAA Regional Thursday

MEN'S TRACK Augie National Qualifier Rock Island, Ill. Thursday-Friday